

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Stripping is advantageously carried out at from ~~70 to 150°C~~ 70 to 250°C, in particular from 100 to 150°C.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17, with following rewritten paragraph.

Rinsing is preferably carried out at from 20 to 50°C, particularly preferably at ambient temperature. The upper limit for the process temperature depends on the boiling point of the solvent or solvent mixture used, i.e. it should be no higher than this boiling point. A process time of from 50 minutes ~~15 minutes to a number plurality~~ of days is generally sufficient for rinsing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The ~~hydrogenation regeneration~~ of the hydrogenation catalyst can be carried out in situ, in supernatant solvent and/or in solvent circulated by means of a pump. However, it is also possible to remove the hydrogenation catalyst from the reactor, i.e. rinse it ex-situ, preferably in supernatant solvent and/or in circulating solvent, preferably with additional introduction of gas and/or with the aid of ultrasound.